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## REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY

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Dear Sir:

I, Michael D. Schumann, the attorney authorized to sign and is signing below on behalf of all attorneys identified by name in the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed and submitted with the application listed herein, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case in accordance with 37 C.F.R.§ 1.36.

- The last known mailing address of the client is:
   Mr. Duane Sibbet
   Crane Creek Turf Products LLC
   1550 Industrial Drive
   Blue Earth, MN 56013-1100
- 2. The reasons for our request are as follows:
- A. The client has an outstanding balance on an unpaid bill and has refused to pay moneys due and owing for the drafting and prosecution of the application, including payments for legal fees and PTO fees.

- B. Numerous attempts have been made to collect the amounts due and owing, with no result.
- C. The foregoing reasons are believed to be valid grounds for permissive withdrawal under 37 C.F.R. §10.40(c)(iv) and/or (vi).

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### SIGNATURE OF WITHDRAWING ATTORNEY

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#### Dear Mr. Sibbet:

Due to the failure to pay on the balance in your account in a timely manner, the Credit and Collection Committee at Merchant & Gould has determined it necessary to terminate our representation of Crane Creek Turf Products LLC.

To facilitate the withdrawal of our representation, we have requested from the United States Patent and Trademark Office permission to withdraw as attorney of record. Enclosed please find copies of these requests. This filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office will allow us to formally withdraw from representation. Once approval is received by Merchant & Gould, we will no longer be held responsible for your legal matters.

Also, I am transferring to you at this time your original files, as listed herewith, and have not retained copies. These files will be removed from our docket system, and once the Patent & Trademark Office has granted the withdrawal, we understand that you will assume responsibility for all future docket dates. Enclosed is a current Docket Report detailing all outstanding due dates for the next one year period. We have removed these deadlines from our docket and annuity system. You are advised to immediately seek new counsel so as not to jeopardize your intellectual property portfolio. Pailure to respond as required by the USPTO to future docket dates could result in the loss of your intellectual property rights.

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Sincerely

Michael D. Schumann Merchant & Gould

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